

stopping illiteracy. He is the national spokesperson for the Foundation for Exceptional Children's "Yes I Can" program which encourages disabled children to reach their goals.

But while Neil is working to improve education, the House leadership is making drastic cuts in education programs. In Missouri, title I programs, which help children with learning disabilities, will lose over \$19 million—critical funds for students who need extra help in reading, writing and math.

I want to say to the House leadership—it's fourth down, 1 yard to go, and there are 30 seconds on the clock—let's go for it and reinstate the much needed funds for our children.

Thank you, Neil Smith, for sharing your talents and success to help all children achieve their dreams as you have.

PAYING MORE AND GETTING LESS

(Mr. MICA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, let me tell Members what this debate is all about and what the administration and the liberals are talking about in education cuts. They are talking about paying more and getting less.

Let me read, if I may, about the great success of the programs they are talking about and what Republicans are talking about. This just appeared in the newspaper in Florida. Many of Florida's training and vocational education programs that are supposed to give Floridians the skills to find good-paying jobs are not working, according to the report.

State and Federal Governments spend about \$1 billion a year on vocational education programs in Florida, more than 1.2 million residents use the programs, but many of the State's programs fail to produce graduates or workers who can earn a decent salary. Most students who enter the programs never graduate.

In all, 37 percent of 347 job training and vocational programs perform poorly, according to the report. Only 20 percent of those who enrolled in high school vocational programs completed them. They want you to pay more and get less, and that is what this argument is about.

NO WAY TO RUN A CONGRESS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, when my Republican colleagues took over this institution 15 months ago, they promised to run the House like a business with the best management practices. However, their stewardship looks more like a Arnold Schwarzenegger screenplay.

The victims are everywhere. Because of the incompetence of this House majority, we are operating under a temporary spending plan, and today they want us to vote again on a 1-week extension of this spending plan. It will be the 10th temporary funding bill this year, no way to run a business or the House of Representatives.

Who suffers from this stop-and-go budgeting? Our kids, our children. Local school districts need to start planning now for the new school year, and they do not know what to expect from Washington. They do know that Republicans are slashing over \$3 billion from education. My Republican colleagues are leaving children and parents in the dark, and that is wrong.

Let us honor our commitment to education and our kids, and give them the tools that they need to succeed in the 21st century.

TAX AND SPEND IS BACK AGAIN

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, \$8 billion, that sure is a lot of money, and it just happens to be the amount of extra Washington big government spending that President Clinton wants.

Where will this \$8 billion come from? If the President has his way, it is going to come right from the pockets of the American taxpayer.

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That is right, tax and spend is back again, but do not worry, America, because if you recall, the President said he feels your pain.

You know, I go home every weekend to the central coast of California, and do you realize how many people come to me and say, take more money, take more of my tax dollars and spend it on ineffective Washington programs? Well, you can understand no one does say that to me.

The message from the folks at home is very simple: They are tired of their tax dollars being spent on wasteful spending here in Washington, DC, and they are tired of spending for big government.

It is time for this Congress to say no to higher taxes, and it is time to say no to more government Washington spending.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING THE 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Commerce, Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Committee on Government Re-

form and Oversight, Committee on International Relations, Committee on the Judiciary, Committee on National Security, Committee on Resources, Committee on Science, Committee on Small Business, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, March 13, 1996, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 163) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 163

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 104-99 is amended by striking out "March 15, 1996" in sections 106(c), 112, 126(c), 202(c) and 214 and inserting in lieu thereof "March 22, 1996", and by inserting in section 101(a) after "The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996" the following " , H.R. 1977", and by inserting in section 101(a) after "The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996" the following " , H.R. 2127", and that Public Law 104-92 is amended by striking out "March 15, 1996" in section 106(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "March 22, 1996".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, March 13, 1996, the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON] and the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY] will each be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Joint Resolution 163 and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. LIVINGSTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, the joint resolution before the House would